



## Many Hands Project

Salvation Army getting makeover

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## Get ready to hit the lanes

## Councillors want review

Town agrees to send out request for proposal to third-party firms

Kris Dubé  
The Times

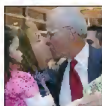
The efficiencies and effectiveness of various departments within the Town of Fort Erie need to be reviewed, in the opinion of some members of council.

On Monday night, local politicians discussed a motion made by Ward 4 Coun. John Hill on a third-party review of Town staff. A report was later approved, moving ahead with the councillor's idea and now a request for proposal will be sent out and the Town will wait to hear back from firms who show interest in conducting the review.

Hill said it is his estimation that an operational review of any corporation or municipality represents sound business practice and could identify the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities available within staff.

"The Town of Fort Erie should be no different," he said.

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## Counting the recounts

New council says recount should take place



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Big Brothers Big Sisters Fort Erie board director, Darlene Hazielt, left, president Kristy Zucarelli, volunteer India White and executive director Sondra Barrett, with "littles" Ashley and Kayla, after promoting the agency's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser that kicks off on Feb. 26. Read the whole story on page nine.

# Kim Craitor MPP

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# Review could potentially cost up to \$200,000

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Hill continued by saying that a review should be considered an "investment in our future" and that while he was on the campaign trail, he heard interest from residents on a review, as many want to be assured their tax dollars are being spent wisely.

"Moving forward with an

operational review should be perceived by all as a positive step forward, allowing us to be the best we can be," said Hill.

In 2008, Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley made a similar motion, asking Town staff to prepare a report as a request for information of what the cost of an operational review would be.

At the time, he was given a response that it could have a



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— Bob Steckley

price tag of somewhere between \$80,000 and \$200,000.

On Monday, Steckley said he has consistently researched operational reviews on the Internet and that in his findings, has come across other towns and cities that are in the process of or have already conducted operational reviews of this nature.

"A lot of municipalities do

this on a regular basis," said Steckley, who feels although the price might seem high to some, it should be considered a necessary expenditure.

"The cost of the review is a one-time cost and the savings or efficiencies that we find are there year after year."

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular, the current successful politician on council next to mayor Doug Martin, said he has no issues with supporting this motion at this stage, since it is only asking for a request for proposal.

He said the shortfalls the Town is already working with need to be considered when motioning for the review, especially because of the high price range given in 2008 for a similar undertaking.

"I'm quite interested to see what the costs will be, predicated on the fact that we have a lot of challenges in regards to the current budget," said Shular.

Currently in his third term, Shular also said he is confident with the staffing levels in place at the Town.

"I've been here for seven

years and I honestly believe we do have the right people on the right jobs," said Shular.

The Town's chief administrative officer Harry Schlang advised members of council that it isn't proper practice to put out for a request for proposal, without having a funding structure in place. He said it should be made known by firms who apply to conduct the review that it is subject to budget approval.

"It's just good business to do that, you should notify the suppliers if you're getting them to do work, that it is subject to budget approval," said Schlang.

According to the report, the review would be an operating expenditure that would be charged by the general levy operating budget. Since there is no base funding in the general levy for this expenditure, it would be provided for council consideration as an item in the 2011 general levy supplementary budget. A request for \$100,000 to \$120,000 would create a potential increase to the general levy of 0.58% to 0.69%.



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# Many Hands on the job

Kris Dubé  
The Times

There will be "many hands" being put to use at the Salvation Army over the next few months.

Every year, Niagara College chooses one non-profit organization to receive assistance from its Many Hands project and this time around the local Salvation Army is the beneficiary.

The Many Hands Project is a renovation program executed by students in the Event Management and Renovation Technician-Construction program at Niagara College. The annual project provides needed renovations for a local non-profit organization, and valuable hands-on learning experience for students.

Together, the students plan and execute the entire process which includes fundraising, completing the desired renovations, involving the community through volunteer recruitment and raising awareness for the non-profit organization receiving assistance. The Many Hands Project for 2011 will consist of renovating the kitchen and expanding the food storage and preparation areas of the Gilmore Road site. This will include the installation of new cabinetry and replacing old materials such as drywall and flooring. The renovations will provide the Salvation Army with a usable space to continue serving their community more effectively and efficiently.

"Many Hands has become a great Niagara College tradition that assists agencies that do such important work in our communities," said Shelley Merlo, co-ordinator of the event management program and faculty adviser for the project.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to gain hands-on experience while also learning important lessons about good citizenship and service to one's community," she added.

Donna Paterson, community and family services



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— Donna Paterson

manager at the Salvation Army in Fort Erie is delighted to be this year's recipient and is looking forward to the work beginning.

"It will be great to serve our clients in a safe, clean and healthy environment which will help restore dignity and hope," said Paterson.

She feels this project will be a catalyst that creates a transforming influence in the community and is extremely grateful to the students and faculty at Niagara College who are involved with this initiative.

that started in 1998.

"Their generous support and commitment to helping others can only mean good things for Fort Erie," she said.

The project is expected to be completed by April. The Pepsi Refresh Project is another way the Salvation Army can benefit. The online contest is awarding \$10,000 a non-

profit organization in need. You can visit [www.refresheverything.ca/many-hands](http://www.refresheverything.ca/many-hands) to cast your vote.

The Salvation Army recently delivered Christmas hampers to around 700 people. On a monthly basis, the agency serves about 125 families, which equates to roughly 500 residents in Greater Fort Erie.



Community and family services manager at the local Salvation Army, Donna Paterson, with mayor Doug Martin at last Friday's "Many Hands" kickoff.

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## Change in command at NHS

The Niagara Health System (NHS) Board of Trustees announced on Wednesday a change in the senior leadership at the Niagara Health System (NHS).

Effective immediately, Dr. Sue Matthews has been appointed as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer replacing Debbie Sevenpiper.

Matthews joined the NHS in 2009 and most recently served as Executive Vice President of Clinical Operations and

Chief Nursing Executive for the health system.

Sevenpiper was named NHS President and CEO in 2003 and was instrumental in advancing the multi-site hospital through its first decade, characterized by some of the most turbulent years in the history of healthcare in the Niagara region, says a press release issued by the NHS.

The Board will commence the recruitment process for a new President and CEO immediately.

## Male assaults young child

A 37-year old local man has been arrested for sexual offences following an investigation by detectives with the Niagara Regional Police (NRP)'s Child Abuse Unit.

Police commenced a criminal investigation after receiving a complaint that a male had allegedly sexually assaulted a three-year female child.

Last Friday, the child abuse unit detectives and uniformed officers from no. 5 district arrested the

accused male.

He faces numerous charges including breach of probation, sexual assault, exposure to a child under 16 years and sexual interference.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Det. Donna Orth of the NRP's Child Abuse Unit at (905) 688-4111 ext. 5128.

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# New council supports recount, with conditions

Kris Dubé  
The Times

It is possible a manual recount of ballots cast in the Oct. 25 mayoral race is on its way.

On Monday night, local politicians finished its four

hour meeting, by going into closed session for an update on the litigation status between the Town of Fort Erie and local resident and former councillor Bill Brunton, who filed the application through the Ontario Superior Court of

Justice for a second recount.

Returning to the council chambers shortly before 10 p.m., it was announced that the new members of council support the recount, but under the condition that the applicant does not

attempt to recover any costs incurred from the Town of Fort Erie.

All parties will have to agree on a consent order for a recount using a vote tabulator machine.

On Tuesday, Town clerk Carolyn Kett explained all parties have to agree with this, pointing out how mayor Doug Martin still has the option of agreeing to move ahead with a recount or opposing it.

"He may still oppose the appli-

cation and request it to be dismissed, or he may agree to the recount," said Kett.

Martin was contacted by the Times on Tuesday afternoon, coincidentally while he was on his way to speak to his legal team about what the next steps will be.

"We're going to assess what my options are," said Martin.

"I'll make a decision once I get legal counsel."

On the other side of the puzzle, Brunton is satisfied with the resolution passed by council, saying it was never planned to seek repayment from the Town of Fort Erie, over any costs the

recount might create.

"We never actually did have any intentions to go after them for legal costs," said Brunton on Tuesday.

"It appears at this time, we will not chase costs," he said.

On Oct. 25, incumbent mayor Doug Martin defeated his only challenger Ann-Marie Noyes with 4,836 votes to her 4,832.

On Nov. 9, a recount was conducted and Martin came ahead with one more vote than originally counted.

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# Craitor wants to create more access for grandparents

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Most of the time when Niagara Falls member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor visits the Fort Erie council chambers he is providing an update on funding for local projects, or is there to discuss how he can be of assistance as the area's representative at Queen's Park.

On Monday night, the tables had been turned, as Craitor asked council for its support on a private members bill he is attempting to have passed at the provincial level that would allow grandparents the right to visit have access to or gain custody of their grandchildren.

"Unfortunately, in this nuclear age, it appears our court system has lost sight of this important relationship between grandparents and grandchildren," said Craitor in his presentation.

He said that too often, contested divorces, marriage breakdowns and the loss of a parent can cause a child to be ignored or suffer from abuse. Craitor feels it needs to be realized that grandparents can often provide some light at the end of the tunnel for these children, a safe haven of sorts.

"Frankly in these situations like this, the courts

simply do not recognize that this relationship can be very positive," he said.

In his experience, he says there are some judges who agree the grandparent makes a good case and are fully capable of providing a loving home, but assistance cannot be provided because the law doesn't give them any special consideration.

"To people who passionately care about maintaining this relationship, this comment is especially cruel," said Craitor.

Craitor feels strongly it is time to change that attitude and with the support of municipal councils like Fort Erie, it helps give a voice to the goal of ensuring every grandchild has the right to a loving relationship with all of their grandparents, only if it is "in the best interests of the child."

He said relationships between parents can often end with spite, revenge and hatred, something that isn't fair for the children to be

caught up in the middle of.

"No child should be used as a weapon," said Craitor.

He has been working on bringing this bill forward for the last six years and during that time has learned more than 75,000 grandparents in Ontario have been denied the right to access one or more of their grandchildren, which in his calculations means that about 112,500 children didn't get to see their grandparents.

He has over 20,000 signatures on a petition he started when he first brought the idea forward and has already been given support from the Canadian Association for Retired People, along with other municipalities.

Supported unanimously by council at the end of the meeting, Craitor is asking for an amendment to the Children's Law Reform Act to "emphasize the importance of children's relationships with their parents and grandparents."

# Resident asks for info

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Before council returned with its resolution, earlier in the meeting a delegation was made by Crystal Beach resident Kim Gallagher, who has concerns about the process.

In early December, she filed a request to the Town under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act.

In her request, she asked for a laundry list of items and information such as the make and model number of the vote tabulating equipment used on elec-

tion day and for the Nov. 9 recount.

She also asked for the name and employer of the individual who programmed the memory cards used on both days...among several other items.

The point behind her presentation, was to ask council for relief of the \$960 she has been told will need to be paid in order to receive and be given access to the information she requested.

"As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I'm asking council to waive these fees,

for me to view these documents," she said.

Town clerk Carolyn Kett pointed out that exempting Gallagher from these costs is not the responsibility of the council and that through the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act, this authority is delegated to the clerk.

Proof of income needs to be submitted, something Gallagher has not yet done, said Kett.

"You have to determine their hardships through things like bank statements or income tax returns."



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## our editorial

# Contacting editorial will be different this week

If you call the Times' editorial staff this week and your call isn't returned, please don't worry... we will get back to you.

Currently, editor Kris Dubé is the only person taking photos, writing stories and accepting letters to the editor, among the many duties we have.

This week, he is taking a week of vacation and will not be in the office, but there is a solution.

Tom Wilkinson, who many readers know from his weekly column in the Shopping Times will be the person you need to speak to, if it is an urgent matter.

So, if you have any breaking news you can contact him, but if it

is a story or inquiry that can wait to Monday Jan. 31, Kris Dubé will get back to you when he returns.

If you are going through next week's paper and don't see a story about something that took place in Fort Erie that should be considered big news, we will be following up on it the following issue.

Just be patient and know you can always rely on Fort Erie's most read newspaper to deliver the goods.

Tom can be reached at twilkinson@niagaracommunitynewspapers.com or by phone at (905) 563 5393 ext. 225.

-Kris Dubé



# Do You Remember?

A big thank you to Sharon Insley our only caller for last week's photo. This was taken at the Ontario Tourist Bureau that was on Goderich Street facing Walnut Street from the 1950's to the early 1970's when both it and Goderich Street were closed. She identified Brenda Irwin on

the left and remembers visiting friends who worked the evening shift during the summer season. The women are wearing Mountie-inspired red jackets with navy skirts and their badges read 'Ontario Travel Information.' The poster on the wall welcomes visitors to 'Ontario Canada's Vacation

Province'. This week's photo shows young children each holding two trophies. The stamp on the back says Jan. 23, 1974. Does anyone remember who the children are or why this photo was taken? Please call the museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

# Editor always flattered to be called a celebrity



**Kris Dubé**  
Editor's Notebook

I don't want to sound arrogant, but it feels good to be the best.

On Thursday night, I successfully defended my title for the third year in a row, as the Knights of Columbus Celebrity Free Throw Champion at the local YMCA.

As I have said in pre-

vious years, I am flattered anyone would consider me a celebrity but perhaps it's this title that inspired me to not lose my focus and sink as many baskets as possible, something I did as a competitor in this event during my time as a student at Our Lady of Victory School many years ago.

Last year, if my memory serves me correctly I was 80 per cent at the foul line, whereas this time around I was slightly worse, finishing with 50 per cent of my shots going through the hoop.

One of my teammates, Chris Kerbo, the principal at St. George Catholic School, also finished with the same amount and we tied for the event's top prize.

Under the leadership of our team captains Sandy Annunziata and Cory Annett, both of whom have decorated careers in the Canadian Football League, our team the 'Red Knights' easily prevailed over our competition consisting of mayor Doug Martin, MPP Kim Craiton and the reporter from the

Times' competition when it comes to other weekly newspapers in town. The final score was 23 to 12.

Anyone who knows me well, is aware that I am just 'rubbing it in' for comedic purposes and actually don't take the competition as serious as it may sound.

What I do take seriously, is being an identifiable person in the community that enjoys spending time with people who I might only know through work, or have known for many years, since I was born

and raised in this wonderful town we have.

Often I am pitched story ideas at times like this and not necessarily when I'm sitting on my computer or near the phone in my office... and that's what makes living in a small town so special, especially one that I've lived in for pretty much my entire life.

An advantage I have over other reporters who work in town, is that I know everybody. This might be a slight exaggeration, but it honestly isn't that much of a far-

fetched statement. I'm also not discrediting anyone else who works in this field for another publication, because I have no reason to.

I'm just saying when local residents are discussing local newscpeople, it's likely my name comes up before anyone else's.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send an email at editorial@forterietimes.com. I will be on holidays this week, but I will get back to you upon my return to the office.

# opinion page

## Last week's Times 'hits home' with reader

Dear Editor,

The article, editorial and comment in bricks and bouquets in last week's issue, concerning snowmobiles and their riders, hit home with me.

I am a resident of Ridgeway, living alongside the Friendship Trail and have had the peace and quiet of my home destroyed by the many inconsiderate people who speed along the trail on their very noisy machines.

On one occasion, I counted eighteen machines racing by.

Sometimes it seems I live on a NASCAR track.

The by-law is virtually

useless.

Why put in place a law that cannot be monitored or enforced effectively?

The Town does not have the resources and the police surely needs to focus on more serious issues than lawns and gardens being destroyed and residents complaining about noise.

Perhaps something will be done when injury to a pedestrian or pet occurs.

I offer a simple solution to the problem of the Trail - install offset barriers at all road crossings to keep the machines off the Trail but still allow for pedestrians, strollers and bicycles.

This would also keep

all terrain vehicles off the trail in the summer months.

In order to deal with the overall problem, I would suggest that all citizens affected forward a request to the Town clerk to add this issue to the agenda of an upcoming council meeting, notifying the public of the meeting date.

We would then be able to attend as a group, voice our concerns and require our elected officials to come up with a solution that is effective.

Brenda Springer  
Ridgeway

## Impressed with care at DMH

Dear Editor,

After three weeks of coughing, sneezing, blowing my nose and then chest pains, I was concerned enough about my condition to visit the urgent care department at Douglas Memorial Hospital last Saturday morning.

After a very thorough interview, blood pressure

and temperature readings in triage, I was escorted to one of the urgent care cots for an EKG and to the X-ray department for a chest x-ray.

I was very impressed with Dr. Marchi. Fort Erie's new general practitioner, who reviewed the results of my tests with me and told me my chest x-ray looked "suspicious."

He prescribed an antibiotic for me to take and suggested I follow-up with my own physician if the symptoms persisted.

Within one and a half hours I left the hospital feeling much less anxious about my condition than when I arrived and believe I am finally on the road to recovery.

Dianne Tenney  
Stevensville

## The TIMES Asks

*Do you think the Meteors can turn their season around, just in time for the postseason?*



Pat Giampolo

"As a former Meteor myself, I certainly hope they do."



Carol Sims

"Absolutely. They beat the two best teams last week. That's a good start."



Tom Merante

"I believe they will. They are starting to get and play as a cohesive whole with a lot of confidence."



Cheryl Skat

"I think they will. I have a lot of confidence in them."

## What do you think?

E-mail: [editorial@forterietimes.com](mailto:editorial@forterietimes.com) or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

## COPE calls out to the community

Dear Editor,

To everyone who continues to show their support for Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) we thank you!

COPE celebrates its 28th anniversary this month, proving both the necessity and success of the work that is done at COPE.

The agency provides emergency food, free donated clothing and small household items like books.

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in need of, and a wide variety of brochures and applications are also available.

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We continue providing our services due to the generous members of our community, people who sincerely care for others.

Hunger Awareness Day is May 31 and is a Canada-wide event.

It is our hope at COPE that our community members will "step up to the plate" that day, and

make a donation to COPE.

If everyone in the community stopped by the agency on May 31 with a small donation, just imagine what a difference that would make collectively. Whether you drop by with a couple cans of food, a bag of milk, loaf of bread, or a few dollars, the results will be phenomenal.

Again, thank you to everyone who supports us.

Barb Volzke  
COPE

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5. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is now the least paid player in NFL history.
6. Super Bowl XLIV was the most-watched American television program in history, drawing an audience of two million viewers.
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10. The first official Super Bowl game took place on January 15, 1967.
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Those contractors that submitted Pricing Requests last year need not pick up the necessary forms, as they will be mailed directly to you.

Those new contractors who would like to submit a Pricing Request Form may do so by picking up forms at the J.L. Gibson Centre, 1818 Pettit Road, Fort Erie, Ontario between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Forms will be ready for pick up Monday January 17, 2011

\*Immediately following closing time, bidders will be acknowledged and registered only.

### (2) #02-2011 ~ REFRIGERATION PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Sealed requests for quotation clearly marked as to content, will be received by N.P. Sinodinos, Manager of Supply & Services, until **Monday February 7, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Quotation forms may be picked up in the Parks & Leisure Services Department, 3 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 starting on Monday January 24, 2011.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### (1) LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK?

The Corporation is now accepting applications for summer student employment opportunities in parks/cemeteries; facilities; roads; horticulture; museums; engineering and office administration. Schedules may include Saturday and Sunday. Some positions require a valid, Class G drivers' license.

Further details are available at [www.town.forterie.ca](http://www.town.forterie.ca). Go to "Town Hall", then click on Employment Opportunities.

Returning students MUST apply. Application forms are available on-line, at Town Hall, the Leisureplex and the Gibson Centre. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2011.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### (1) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

**ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS:** In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).

### (2) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Notice is hereby given, for the term February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2015, that the undersigned will receive applications from residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers interested in serving on the below stated boards and committees of the Town of Fort Erie where appointments are still required.

For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca) under "Town Hall" "Committees".

The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually once per month. All members to the boards and committees act voluntarily except members of the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee.

**(1) COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE** – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.

To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

**(2) FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies.

To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

**(3) FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy.

To advise and assist the Community and Development Services Department and Council with the management and conservation of the natural environment in Fort Erie.

**(4) MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Four (4) youth vacancies - ages 13-21.

To plan and advise Council on youth related issues. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ben McDermott at the YMCA directly to obtain an application. Telephone: 905-871-9622 ext. 233 or email: [bmcdermott@ymcainniagara.ca](mailto:bmcdermott@ymcainniagara.ca)

**(5) MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE** – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.

To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town focusing on Museum Services and Built Heritage. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. (Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Point Abino Lighthouse Advisory Committee recently merged to form this new Committee).

**(6) SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Three (3) community representatives at large.

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Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca) under Public

Notices – Appointment to Boards and Committees or available in the Clerk's Office. Please state clearly your name, address, postal code, telephone number, email address, choice of board and committee for consideration of appointment thereto and any other relevant background information, including experience and credentials, will be received by the undersigned up to and including Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

*This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.*

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Town of Fort Erie

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Applications can also be Emailed to [ckett@forterie.on.ca](mailto:ckett@forterie.on.ca).

# GLT performing 'The Odd Couple'

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Get ready for some local laughs.

Starting the first week of February, Garrison Little Theatre (GLT) is hoping to have audiences in stitches, as it performs a modernized version of Neil Simon's 'The Odd Couple' at the Dipietro Canadian Club on Blietoro Street.

The play, first performed by GLT in 1991 was chosen by loyal fans as one of the theatre group's best productions from the past, they would like to see hit the stage again.

The play is directed by Zdenka Cole, whose husband Tom was originally supposed to direct but passed away in July of last year.

"I know he would have

wanted me to carry on," said Cole.

She said the cast and crew has been having a great time working with one another and is confident this will be seen by the crowds.

"I think the audience is going to have fun as well," she said.

Chuck Jagiello, is the only GLT member still on the roster that was a part of the group's first rendition in

1991.

Evening performances are Feb. 5, 5, 6, 11 and 12. Cost is \$35 and that includes a full course dinner from Maria's Catering.

There is a \$20 matinee on Feb. 12.

For more information, visit [www.garrisonlittletheatre.com](http://www.garrisonlittletheatre.com) or leave a message at (905) 871-3520. Tickets are also available at Packettes René on Garrison Road.

## Bowl for Kids' Sake needs your support

It's that time of year again, when the community is asked to help Fort Erie Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), reach its \$40,000 goal for its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign.

Kicking off on Feb. 26 at Carroll's Bowling Lanes on Klauk Street, there are still several time slots open for the event that runs until March 5, explains BBBS

executive director Sondra Barrett.

"We really need community groups and individuals to come forward and put in teams," said Barrett.

Teams can have five to six players and will be asked to participate in this year's theme, "Party in your PJs" or "Jam out in your Jammies."

Last year, bowlers sported red and white in support of

Canada during the Winter Olympics.

Last year, the campaign came up short of the \$40,000 goal, raising a little less than \$35,000.

Barrett understands people's wallets were a little tight last year, but hopes it might be a little different this time at the lanes.

"It's a very important event for us," she said, point-

ing out that the money raised during the campaign contributes to almost 30 per cent of the agency's annual budget.

Cash sponsors will also be accepted, as they have been in the past.

Pledges can be made by registering at [www.forteriebowl2011.kintera.org](http://www.forteriebowl2011.kintera.org) and BBBS can be contacted at (905) 871-8836.

## Fundraiser for Addison



Two-year-old Addison Falardeau is in need of support from the entire region, after suffering severe burns in an accident while visiting family in Georgia. A benefit fundraiser will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Welland on Jan. 29. Tickets can be purchased from her grandmother, Fort Erie resident Carol Whitwell, at (289) 320-8760.



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# Meteors get two huge wins over weekend

Shootout victories against St. Catharines and Niagara Falls giving team confidence

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Although the Fort Erie Meteors still have a long road ahead if they want to climb further up the stand-

ings, winning back-to-back games against two of the league's best teams last weekend is the way to start.

On Friday night, the Jr. B squad was able to edge the league-leading St. Catharines Falcons in a 3-2 shootout, on the road.

The following night, the Meteors were back home at the Leisurplex to face off against the Niagara falls Canucks, and found themselves down 3-0 early in the match.

The home unit was able to climb back, tie the game

and eventually win 5-4 in another shootout.

"It's pretty exciting for the boys. They're working hard both games," said general manager Tony Passero.

Heading into Friday's game, Passero and his coaching staff told the players the same thing they have been all year and that was for them to stay out of the penalty box. They decided to listen and only three times a Meteor was told to take two minutes in the sin bin.

"Normally, we average three a per-

iod," said Passero who feels the amount of penalties the team has taken all year is one of the biggest contributors to the amount of losses compared to wins they have seen on the game sheet.

"When you give a good team a chance to score, it's going to happen," he said.

With the playoffs starting in March, Passero is hopeful his team's recent composure and quality of play can carry out the rest of the season, which would be a great way for them to enter the playoffs as a team that isn't the same as it has

been all year.

"It all depends on what our boys bring to the table from now until then," said Passero, who noted the sharp goaltending of Vince Merante as a big contributor to the recent wins.

On Wednesday, the Meteors were scheduled to take the ice at the Leisurplex against the Stoney Creek Warriors, but a broken plate of glass along the boards caused it to be postponed.

The Meteors play the Thorold Blackhawks tonight at 7:15 at the Leisurplex.



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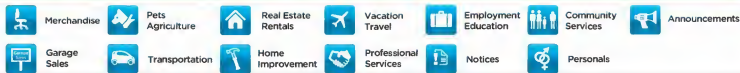
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Dated at the City of Niagara Falls, 15 12th day of January, 2011.

Denise M. Elliott  
by her solicitors,  
MARTIN SHEPPARD FRASER LLP  
Barristers & Solicitors  
4701 St. Clair Avenue, 2nd Floor  
P.O. Box 900  
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6V7

Solicitors for the Estate Trustees

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Ronald Clarkson, Estate Trustee  
of the said Estate  
by his solicitors,  
RUCH & WILLIAMS  
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Dated 9th day of January, 2011.

Thomas Northey Junction,  
Estate Trustee  
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Dated this 18th day of January, 2011

JOHN T. TEAL, Esq.

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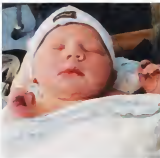
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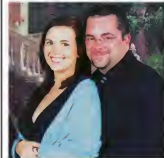
## Births



### Brisbois (Hurren)

Joe and Andrea are proud to announce the arrival of their precious baby boy **WYATT JOSEPH** born December 31, 2010 at 8:18 p.m. weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 18" long. Wyatt is lovingly welcomed by grandparents Gord and Nancy Brisbois and Rick and Joan Hurren and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Many thanks to the lovely nurses at the W.G.H. for the excellent care of Mom and Baby.

## Engagements



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Congratulations Joel and Kim on your recent engagement. It seems we have waited a lifetime for a moment like this! Love you always, Mom and Dad

## Anniversaries



### Happy 65th Anniversary

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### A Celebration Open House

will be held Sunday, January 23, 2011 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, 130 Garrison Road, Fort Erie. Please, best wishes only.

## Forthcoming Marriages



Simon and Laura Groot, along with Don and Belinda Mackenzie are so proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their children

### Courtney Lauren to

**Caleb Matthew**  
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*A million times I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love could have saved you  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply  
Are the hardest things to say,  
My dearest one, I loved you,  
In a very special way.  
If I could have one lifetime wish  
One dream that could come true,  
I'd pray to God with all my heart  
For yesterday and you.*

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## Deaths

**BUKATOR, Phillip Alexander** - Passed away suddenly at Niagara Falls General Hospital on Friday, January 14th, 2011 at the age of 66. Beloved husband of Patty. Proud father of Mike, Mark and P.J. (Aaron). Cherished grandfather of Daren and Chris. Loving son of Sarah Jane "Bessie" and the Late Phillip. Dear brother of Mary Ellen (Roni) Morse. He will be sadly missed by nieces Sarah and Emily, his brother in law Mike, sister in law Joanne and his many friends and extended family. Phil was a well known local businessman and real estate broker for over 30 years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1108 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Benner Funeral Chapel. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

## Deaths

**DUNN, Helen Ivy** - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday January 14, 2011, Helen beloved wife of the late Roy Dunn (1974) dear mother of Dennis (Pater Mazzanti) cousin of Leann Bingham. Roy & Helen owned & operated Blanchard Gardens in Crystal Beach for many years. At Helen's request cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, (905) 894-0120

## In memoriam

### Greg Klauk

January 20, 2007  
We remember  
We laugh  
We cry  
We will never forget.  
Been far away for far too long.  
Love you forever,  
Chris, Leanne, Alyssa, Lexi and Brooke.

In loving memory of

### Maynard (Hook) Martin

Seven years have come and gone  
Hard to believe.  
Like always, it just seems like yesterday.  
You're in our thoughts and hearts always.  
Our good memories live on.  
Miss you every day.  
Love always, Eleanor and Family.

### Malcolm A. Egeto

Jan. 12, 1929 - Jan. 18, 2008  
Another year has come and gone.  
We all miss you so much.  
Christmas is never the same. You are not  
with us but we know that you spend  
Christmas in Heaven. How awesome this  
is. We shall all be together one day in  
God's perfect time.  
Love from all your family,  
Morton, Duane, Carol, Pat and Laurie.

Until the day breaks.

And the shadows flee away.

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## In memoriam

### PAUL ANDREW WOELH

In loving memory of a dear brother, uncle  
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January 27, 1997.  
What would we give to clasp his hand,  
His happy face to see,  
To hear his voice and see his smile,  
That meant so much to us.  
Remembered always and never forgotten,  
David and Deborah,  
nieces, Jordyn & Hayley.



### Windsoretha McMillan

05.12.27 - 01.22.10

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from buying them and to  
use reusable ones. Let's  
all work together for the  
future of our children and  
grandchildren to keep the  
plastic out of the landfills  
and water, since our gen-  
eration made a mess of it.  
Don't buy one.

### Bouquet

To a local golf course  
owner for opening a room  
at the clubhouse so 40  
women could pay tribute  
to a wonderful friend.

### Brick

To people who seem to  
completely forget how cold  
drive in the winter  
months. It takes a while to  
get used to but we've had  
several snowfalls this sea-  
son and if you haven't  
adapted yet, you need to  
go back to driving school  
as soon as possible.

### Bouquet

To the two helpful  
young men who helped  
me scrape the ice from  
my car windows as they  
walked by my house on a  
recent morning. Whoever  
says young people aren't  
courteous anymore,  
doesn't know what  
they're talking about.

### Brick

To a local hockey refer-  
ee who is very rude to  
some of the players. They  
are just kids and you need

### Bouquet

to not take it personal  
when a 12-year-old ques-  
tions one of your calls.

### Bouquet

To the Fort Erie  
Meteors for giving the  
community two huge  
wins to cheer about,  
against two of the league's  
best teams.

### Brick

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